

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSEY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Lake View.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Arnette and little son of Cades, S. C., visited relatives in town last week.

Mr. Walter Ford has had Delco lights installed in his house the past week. Mr. Ryan of Bennettsville did the work.

Auditor Allen was in town several days the past week.

Mrs. D. K. Ford and little daughter, Miriam, have returned to the hospital at Rocky Mount for further treatment.

There has been a show in town the past week. It is a section of the "Billie Collins" shows that was here in the summer.

The woods out from town have been on fire for the greater part of last week. The much needed rain served to check the fire.

Mr. Barber was in town Sunday.

The University Weekly News devoted the entire issue of December 31st to the discussion of illiteracy in South Carolina. In last week's issue of The Dillon Herald it was shown that one fourth of the voters in Dillon county could not write their names.

The Herald also stated that \$25,000 had been set aside to remedy this condition, and night teachers have been sent into this county for the purpose of teaching these unfortunate people.

Miss Edith Kohn was sent to this place and Kemper. This young lady put her whole soul into her work. She went from house to house held mass meetings and wrote personal letters. When the appointed time came for the opening of the school, only one pupil was present. With this situation before us, we must admit that the unfortunate people of this place and Kemper do not care to have their condition bettered. Possibly they think, "A little education is a dangerous thing. Drink deep, or touch not the Pierian spring." Miss Kohn left for Fork where it is hoped that her efforts will be more appreciated.

HONOR ROLL.

First Grade—Ollie Page, Edward Harrelson, Ada Bailey, Retha Miller, Virginia Flowers, Florence Elington, Grover Miller Ernest Page, Don Gaddy, Joe Barnhill.

Second Grade—Naomi Spivey.

Third Grade—Henry Harrelson.

Fourth Grade—Sadie Spivey, Helen Goodyear Miller, J. D. Rogers, Margaret Goodyear.

Fifth Grade—Mack Hankins, J. I. Spivey, Beulah Miller.

Sixth Grade—Luka Mae Miller, Grace Goodyear.

Seventh Grade—Rankin Scott, Wade Townsend, Bennie Rogers.

Ninth Grade—Eva Boyd Rogers, Hattie Humphrey, Maggie Ford, Cleburne Rogers, Lucille Powell.

Sellers.

There was a sad death on the last day of the old year, which has not been recorded in your paper, that of Miss Evelyn Dew daughter of Mr. Preston Dew. Miss Dew had been teaching and came home for her Xmas vacation. Very few knew of her illness until they heard that she had passed away. The funeral services were conducted by her brother-in-law, Rev. Gardner, assisted by her cousin, Rev. W. C. Allen of Dillon and her pastor Rev. W. C. Foster of Latta. Her uncle, Rev. Joel I. Allen was also present. The floral tributes were very beautiful and the interment was made at Catfish cemetery.

Messrs. F. B. and D. M. Watson and Messrs. J. K. and Ernest Page visited their kinsmen, Mr. Stonewall C. Watson at the Florence Infirmary last week. While there they also visited Rev. D. H. Everette, a former pastor here, and Sheriff Rowell, who was shot by a negro at Sellers Xmas day. They reported that all the patients were doing well.

Mr. Pratt Watson is erecting a store and dwelling at Sellers.

Mr. B. B. Sellers will spend several days in Columbia this week as a juror in the U. S. Court.

Mrs. W. J. Summerlin will attend the marriage of her cousin Mr. Deans Crumpler in Columbia Wednesday.

Miss Mattie Price spent the week end in Latta.

Mr. S. Leinwand has moved to Marion and Mr. William Page will occupy the store and dwelling vacated by Mr. Leinwand.

At a meeting of the Ladies Club held here last Friday the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Oscar Bethea; Vice-Pres. Mrs. D. B. Spell; Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Watson; Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Ritch.

Oak Grove.

Mrs. John C. Hayes gave a miscellaneous shower last Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock in honor of Mrs. Hudson Fore, one of the recent brides of this section. After various games delightful refreshments were served. The bride received many useful presents.

Mrs. Annie Bransford of Dillon visited the Oak Grove school last week. Mrs. Bransford is in charge of the school census for this county and expressed herself as being pleased with the attendance at Oak Grove.

Rev. C. S. Felder was in this community last Thursday afternoon.

J. S. Fair and family spent Sunday

ENTERS AIRPLANE BUSINESS.

E. L. Moore Takes Over Agency for Curtis Plane in North and South Carolina.

E. L. Moore, state agent for a number of well known automobiles with distributing points at Columbia, Spartanburg and Charlotte, has closed a contract with the manufacturers of Curtiss airplanes for the exclusive sale of the machines in North and South Carolina. His headquarters will be in Charlotte and Columbia. The Curtiss is one of the oldest and at the same time one of the best and most economical planes on the market. The Curtiss people have recently completed a large factory for the manufacture of the machines and they will begin soon to turn them out in large numbers. The Curtiss plane in the flying world is what the Ford is in the automobile world.

Lieut. Behr, who made several flights to Dillon while stationed at Camp Bragg near Fayetteville, will have charge of the sales department. Lieut. Behr is a thoroughly seasoned and experienced airman and demonstrations will be made under his supervision. Mr. Moore closed a contract with Lieut. Behr while attending the automobile show in New York last week. Lieut. Behr is now in Mobile, Ala., where several planes are being assembled and upon their completion will be taken over to Charlotte.

More than 2000 planes are now owned by private individuals in the United States and the demand exceeds the supply.

BRYAN LAUDS PRESIDENT.

Says It Is Absurd to Talk of a Democratic Split.

New York, Jan. 18.—Profiteering and public ownership were declared tonight by Wm. Jennings Bryan to be two of the great issues on which the coming presidential campaign should be fought. Mr. Bryan, who was a guest of honor at a dinner given by the Society of Arts and Sciences, asserted that the peace treaty cannot be carried into the campaign, because of the large number of important domestic questions to be decided.

Mr. Bryan said that it was absurd for anyone to talk about "a split" between the President and himself. "It is only a difference on the method," he said; "we agree on the purpose." After declaring that he had made more speeches for the ratification of the treaty without reservations than any other man in America, Mr. Bryan continued: "I knew it was not perfect, but who can expect perfection from the hand of man? I believe that the President got a better treaty than anyone suspected he could get. Who could accomplish more among representatives of twenty nations than President Wilson? Our President had to fight single-handed and alone against other nations. It was the best he could bring back."

THOUGHT HE WAS BLIND.

Traveling Man Did Some Real Praying for a Bit.

Yorkville Enquirer. A few nights ago at a local hotel, some traveling men had some "white lightning" which they were drinking in the room of one of their number, says the Anderson Daily Mail. During the time of it the lights went out, and one of the party made some remark about it. Another member of the party remarked: "Why, the lights are not out at all. You are blind." Whereupon the first man let in to praying real hard, and promised the Lord that if he would restore his sight he would never take another drink of the stuff.

About that time the lights came on, and it was all the other members of the party could do to prevent a fight.

Owens-Adams.

Miss Ethel Owens and Mr. Maxey Adams were quietly married at the residence of Judge Davis Sunday night. The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of the young couple, as no one was aware of their intentions until the announcement was made. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Owens of Fork. She has been filling the position of saleslady at Wm. Brick's store for the past year and is popular with a large circle of friends. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams and has been in the employ of the express company until the first of the year when he went to Fork to take a position as bookkeeper with J. W. & R. S. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Adams left shortly after the ceremony for Fork where they will reside.

in Bennettsville.

Jas. A. Galloway, our efficient mail carrier, will soon retire from the route and devote his time to his farming interests.

Miss Clarice Fore of the intermediate department of the Oak Grove school spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Hayes.

Sheriff Lan, recently had the bodies of his uncle Capt. Stephen Lane and the wife of the latter and that of his father, R. L. Lane removed from the place where they were buried in the field near Bethesda church to the cemetery of the church.

A night school under the management of J. S. Fair was opened in the school building here last week. Several men and boys have joined.

The day school continues to grow in numbers and is now too full to be satisfactorily managed.

December Honor Roll for Dillon Public Schools

Attendance.

First Grade—Boys: Hugh McNeill Bethea, Benton Byrd, Jr., Joe Chandler, Ira B. Cottingham, Ernest Herring, Harrington Horn, Steven Horn, Frank Huggins, Wallie Jackson, Leroy McKenzie, Guy Phillips, Hugh Proctor, John D. Regan, Samuel Ray, Wilson Saleeby, Tommie Tindale, Marshall Tuberville, Waitis Turbeville, Graham Watson, Boyd White, Mack Weathington.

Girls: Rena Coppedge, Winnie Cook, Martha Graham, Ruby Hamilton, Ione Hamilton, Leona Jac, Rosa Lockamy, Bessie Phillips, Nellie Roberts, Josephine Saleeby, Mary Smith, Mary Taylor, Ethel Tindale, Ada Tindale.

2nd Grade—Boys: Maxwell Boo Billy Caldwell, J. B. Edwards, J. D. Edwards, Edgar Farley, Moneer Saleeby.

Girls: Mammie Bethea, Elsie Coppedge, Louis Fennegan, Lucy Dixon Hall, Sara Herring, Annie Herring, Hortense Herring, Hazel Lane, Roda Saleeby, Thelma Seals, Carrol Stackhouse, Lucile Thompson, Blanchel.

Boys: Clyde Bailey, Woodrow Carter, Edward Connelly, David Herring, Marion McKenzie, Smith Proctor, Wadens Wallace, Izell McKenzie, Vance Brewer, Morgan Taylor.

Girls: Christine Bethea, Lutie Bethea, Golda Brick, Hortense Jordan, Sallie Cook, Lois Moody, Rosa Le Norton, Marie Price, Cornell Price, Katherine Tatum, Annie Rising.

3rd Grade—Boys: Steven Bailey, Andrew Bethea, Bynum Buie, Hanson Coppedge, Jas. B. Gibson, Blizard Johnson, Henry Knight, Goldmann Lovell, Sam Sanderson, Harrison Hayes, Raymond Tarlton.

Girls: Elizabeth Blizard, Mamie Carter, Janie Hamilton, Rebecca Field Henslee, Larow Herring, Maggie Lovell, Mary Norton, Annie Price, Mary Bell Samson, Alice Weathington.

4th Grade—Boys: Francis Adams, Rufus Cottingham, James Flowers, DeLeon Friesland, Demmie Hall, Kirk Hamilton, Lonnie Hamilton, James Hamilton, Bishop Martin, Billie Norton, Herbert Stackhouse, Jack Tolar, Bert Toleton.

Girls: Elizabeth Bransford, Ruby Bailey, Lela Byrd, Frances Chandler, Mary Chandler, Noma Cottingham, Margaret Edwards, Leona Herring, Frances Knight, Edith McDuffie, Ida Seals, Mammie Stackhouse, Rosa Taylor, Mary Weathington.

5th Grade—Boys: D. C. F. Paul Carmichael, Gary Fennegan, Wade Hursey, Jas. Medlin, Dallas McDuffie, Riley Proctor, Henry Rickenbaker, Carlisle Roberts, Fletcher Roberts, Fred Saleeby, Leon Williams, Leroy Williams, Truss Hayes, Cline Ramsey.

Girls: Annie Barrentine, Elorie Bethea, Eva Jewel Britt, Milweg Britt, Evelyn Caldwell, Annie Cottingham, Beulah Easterling, Sara Hargrove, Lila Johnson, Ethel Quick, Martha Stackhouse, Corine Sanderson, Miriam Watson.

6th Grade—Boys: J. D. Elliott, Sidney Brick, Eugene Fennegan, Everett Hall, Gerald Michaux, Anderson Murphy, S. J. Salmon, Frank Murphy, Glenn Stackhouse, Frankie Booth.

Girls: Margaret Bethea, Eva Bridgers, Lettie Bransford, Pansie Edwards, Bessie Lee Farley, Fanny Gaddy, Cora Lipscomb, Maxie Miller, Mary Murchinson, Jewel Rockley, Beatrice Rogers, Carmen Saleeby, Julia Smith, Fay Bailey, Annie Weathington.

7th Grade—Boys: William Adams, Sidney Blum, Harry Fass, Henry Johnson, Frank Salmon, Marion Webster.

Girls: Marjorie Caldwell, Jennie Cottingham, Clara Connelly, Mollie Hamilton, Ruby Hicks, Zeldon Hughes, Ida Lupo, Mary McKenzie, Eva Michaux, Eula Martin, Alice Saleeby, Margaret Tatum, Jessie Tarlton.

High School—Boys: James Bethea, Leon Britt, Doc Collins, John F. Elliott, Powell Jones, Harvey McLean, Marion Michaux, Marvin Moody, Lesene Richbourg, Joe Taber, Johnnie Thompson.

Girls: Sara Barlow, Louise Blizard, Fannie Sue Bethea, Louise Bethea, Mary Sprunt Bethea, Lelia Braddy, Margaret Bridgers, Pearl Britt, Dolly Sue Britt, Mildred Carmichael, Cheves Easterling, Marguerite Easterling, Laura Easterling, Marguerite Hall, Margaret Hasty, Ollie Hicks, Evelyn Moody, Dorothy Moore, Pauline McKinnon, Robbie Proctor, Jessie Rooves, Beth Rickenbaker, Alma Roberts, Hattie B. Salmon, Mary Elizabeth Stackhouse, Edith Wagstaff, Nell Caldwell, Reba Nettles.

Scholarship:

1st Grade—Boys: Nelson Bethea, Andrew Lockamy, Hugh Proctor, Watson Graham, John D. Regan.

Girls: Frances Bailey, Ione Hamilton, Leona Jackson, Bessie Phillips, Josephine Saleeby, Mary Smith, Mary Taylor.

2nd Grade—Boys: J. B. Edwards.

Girls: Mammie Bethea, Sara Herring, Hazel Lane, Carrol Stackhouse.

3rd Grade—Boys: Jno. C. Bethea.

Girls: Rebecca Field Henslee.

4th Grade—Boys: Francis Adams, Nauffe Fowler, Rudolph Kinlaw.

Girls: Mary Chandler, Frances Chandler, Frances Knight, Edith McDuffie, Mary Davis, Margaret Hargrove.

5th Grade—Boys: Carlisle Roberts.

Girls: Sara Hargrove, Martha Stackhouse.

6th Grade—Boys: Glenn Stackhouse.

Girls: Margaret Bethea, Carmen Saleeby.

Attention, Ex-Service Men.

The John H. David, Jr., Post of The American Legion met January 14th, and elected the following officers for this year:

O. M. Page, Post Commander. R. L. Lane, Post V-Commander. W. W. Thompson, Post Adjutant. F. B. David, Post Fin. Officer. W. T. Bethea, Post Historian.

The American Legion is rapidly becoming one of the greatest organizations in America. It is non-partisan and non-political, and stands for one hundred per cent Americanism. In The American Legion all are equal. There is no distinction between the former "Buck" private and the highest officer, and it makes no distinction between men who went overseas and those who did not. The dues to The American Legion are \$2.00 per year, and each member also receives the American Legion Weekly for one year. This magazine alone is well worth the price.

The only requisite for membership in the Legion is an honorable discharge from the army or navy, showing that the soldier, sailor or marine served honorably between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918. It is expected that all veterans of the Civil War and Spanish War will be asked to become honorary members of the Legion. In case of emergency The American Legion would probably constitute a National Guard for the maintenance of law and order. Through The Legion's influence important legislation has already been passed affecting former service men, and increasing the pay of disabled soldiers and sailors.

Every ex-service man should feel it an honor to belong to The Legion. Just as every household was proud to display its service flag during the war, so now should every household be proud of the fact that it has representation in The Legion.

Posts are being organized all over the state. In the past Dillon county has always been right up in front and we do not think they will fall this time. A committee has been appointed to secure club rooms for the use of the Post. All ex-service men in Dillon county are urged to get in touch with the Adjutant and join the local Post. In case you cannot see the Adjutant in person drop him a card and he will mail you a blank for making application.

(Signed) W. W. THOMPSON, Adjutant.

Dr. Truesdale Optimistic.

Dr. Robert S. Truesdale, Chairman for Richland county of the Anti-Saloon League Campaign, expresses himself as optimistic at the outlook for success not only in Richland, but also in Sumter, where he spent four years as pastor of Trinity Methodist church. Speaking of the reason for his optimism, Dr. Truesdale said:

"I have served pastorates in Anderson, Spartanburg, Charleston and Sumter, among the cities of the State, and I know that when such men as Prof. DuPre and John Gary Evans, of Spartanburg, George Harper and Leland Moore of Charleston, L. D. Jennings of Sumter, and R. S. Ligon and D. A. Ledbetter of Anderson endorse a campaign it cannot fail. I do not mention the Columbia endorsers, all of whom stand foursquare before the business world. My confidence is strengthened by my faith in the success of a good cause. It holds within itself the germ of success. We have been favored by the press of our state, and are indebted to it for generously giving us space.

The 18th amendment is now a part of the supreme law of the land. Before such a law all good citizens cease opposition, and with dissension healed, we may expect larger benefits than we have yet enjoyed. Before leaving the malcontent to the rigor of the law, I conceive it to be a Christian duty to carry him all the light and friendly persuasion that we can."

Lee Harrelson.

Monday morning just as the golden shafts of sunlight were brightening the earth, the angel of death carried away the spirit of Lee Harrelson to the God that gave it.

Lee was only sick for a week, and during that time he never uttered a word of complaint, but with a fortitude that has always characterized his life he bore his suffering without a murmur.

It seems strange sometimes that the lives of the young are cut short before the ideals become realities, but God never makes a mistake and with the sunshine of His love he tenderly plucked one of His flowers and transplanted it in heaven where the soul sheds its rich perfume for aces.

In school, Sunday school and religious services, Lee was always a regular attendant. He won the love of his teacher, his friends and his classmates by his quietness of manner and his devotion to duty.

The schoolmates of this young man will still bend their footsteps to the same class room, but it won't be the same, no bright cherry-faced Lee will greet them at the door, and looking in the vacant desk tears will come to their eyes, yet with brave hearts they will dash away the tears and try to follow in the footsteps of their comrade and friend whom to know was to love.

Seventh Grade—Girls: Marjorie Caldwell, Jennie Cottingham, Ida Lupo, Eva Michaux, Alice Saleeby.

High School.

Boys: Harvey McLean. Girls: Louise Bethea, Lelia Braddy, Grace Moody.

Rev. F. O. S. Curtis Passes.

News of the death of Rev. F. O. S. Curtis was received in Dillon Tuesday with profound sorrow. The end came at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. H. S. Blizard, in Greenville, S. C., Monday night. Several years ago while serving as pastor of the Waterboro Baptist church Mr. Curtis was stricken with paralysis. His health failed and he had to give up his work. He moved to Greenville where he resided with Mr. and Mrs. Blizard until the end came, following a second stroke Monday night.

Mr. Curtis had many friends in Dillon. As pastor of the Baptist church he greatly endeared himself to the people of the community during his four year's residence here. He was an able preacher, a congenial companion and a man of strong convictions. He mingled freely with both old and young and no man perhaps ever lived in Dillon who was more universally esteemed or who exercised a stronger influence over the young men of the community. He was patient with them in their faults and sympathized with them in their troubles. He took an interest in the things in which they were interested and led them gently along the paths of purity and uprightness. When he left to take up work at his old home town, Waterboro, there was universal regret among the hundreds of friends who held for him such deep affection.

Mr. Curtis was one of Lee's and Jackson's most devoted followers during the four year's of civil strife. He left the pulpit to take up arms in defense of his country, and later was made a regimental chaplain. At the close of the war he returned to his native state and quietly resumed his work of spreading the gospel among mankind. Not only was he a brave and courageous gentleman, but he exemplified in his daily life those things that make for the best in the spiritual and moral uplift of man. In his passing it can truly be said that a man who lived as a man among men has gone to his reward.

Mr. Curtis is survived by his widow and the following children: Miss Rosa Lee Curtis and Mr. Harry Curtis of Charleston, and Mrs. H. S. Blizard of Greenville. The funeral services were held at Waterboro yesterday.

Miscellaneous Shower at Elberry.

On Saturday afternoon, January seventh Mrs. John C. Hayes entertained the ladies of the community at a miscellaneous shower given in honor of Mrs. Hudson Fore, a recent bride. The guests were met at the door by Misses Agnes Davis and Elizabeth Hayes and escorted into the sitting room to greet the bride and extend their best wishes for her happiness. They were then asked into the reception hall to register and write a wish to the bride. Then they were given blank telegrams to write a nonsensical telegram to the bride with the words "newly wed."

Then the bride was asked to read the telegrams much to the amusement of the crowd. Mrs. Tracey E. Fore won the prize for the best telegram and of course, gracefully presented it to the bride. Some one announced that there was express at the door for the bride, then little Miss Wilma Allen drew in an express wagon full of beautiful and useful gifts that will be so nice in her new home. The gifts were passed and admired and Mrs. Fore expressed her great appreciation of her friends kind remembrances.

Late in the afternoon, refreshments were served by Misses Elsie and Nelle Coleman, Myra Powell, Margaret Bethea, Mildred Fore and Ailene Hayes consisting of a delicious salad course and ambrosia and cake. About thirty-five enjoyed Mrs. Hayes' hospitality.

WOODMEN GIVE SUPPER.

The Woodmen of the World gave a delightful spread at their lodge, rooms last Thursday night when they entertained about 150 guests at an oyster supper. The oysters were served in stews and fries and were greatly enjoyed by those who were so fortunate as to be present. The local Woodmen lodge is one of the strongest in the state.

It has a large membership and every member is an enthusiastic Woodman. After the oysters had been served short addresses were made by Rev. W. C. Allen, Prof. W. D. Roberts, Dr. S. C. Henslee, Mr. J. W. Hammel and A. B. Jordan. Maj. Hammel is from Kershaw and is making a tour of the state in the interest of prohibition enforcement. He urged the people of Dillon county to assist local, federal and state officers in their efforts to enforce the prohibition laws, pointing out the fact that the fight to rid the country of liquor had just begun. Dr. Henslee, who spoke extemporaneously, gave a brief review of the history of the local Woodman Lodge. Rev. Mr. Allen and Prof. Roberts made excellent talks on timely subjects which were greatly enjoyed. Mr. W. V. Jones presided as toastmaster. The local lodge is in a flourishing condition, being one of the leading fraternal order of the county in point of membership and influence.

Dr. E. A. Early of Florence, spent Tuesday in the city looking over the Mint-Cola plant he is installing here. Dr. Early says the plant will be ready for operation in the next seven days. Dr. Early owns plants at Marion, Florence, Darlington and Bennettsville.

Against Woman Suffrage.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—A resolution was offered in the state senate today to reject the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution granting equal suffrage to women. The resolution was referred to a committee.

NO ALARM FELT OVER INFLUENZA

DISEASE IN ARMY CAMPS HERE AND ABROAD.

Surgeon Generals Blue and Ireland Says it Has Not Reached Epidemic Form.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Influenza has become epidemic in several army camps, particularly in the Middle West, Surgeon General Ireland of the army announced today and it has made its appearance among American troops in Germany. While the disease is increasing among the civilian population of the United States it has not reached epidemic form and Surgeon General Blue of the public health service, said today there was nothing in the situation to cause alarm.

The malady as it has appeared both among soldiers and civilians is of a mild type and the resulting death rate proportionately has been far below that of the war time epidemic while the epidemic also has been much lower.

Surgeon General Blue said the state health authorities apparently had the situation in hand wherever the ease had occurred—in many states, it is not prevalent—and thus no request for federal aid had been received. As a precautionary measure, however, Dr. Blue had representatives in these states cooperating with state authorities and a corps of doctors trained in fighting this particular malady is available.

Epidemics have been reported from Camps Grant at Rockford and Fort Sheridan, Ill., Love Field, Texas, and the Great Lakes naval training station but the number of men in these camps is much smaller than it was during the war when influenza caused many deaths among the service men. The form of the disease in this country apparently is much milder than that which has made its appearance among the troops in Germany. During the week ending January 9, 163 new cases were reported among the soldiers on the Rhine this report showing an increase of 65 over the week before. Twelve deaths from the disease were reported while there also were six deaths from pneumonia.

Death of Mrs. B. B. Benfield.

The community was shocked Sunday morning when it was announced that Mrs. B. B. Benfield was dead. The end came at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Mrs. Benfield was the wife of Mr. B. B. Benfield, proprietor of Everybody's Theatre. Her maiden name was Sarah Frances Guy and she was a native of Cumberland county, North Carolina, having been born near Fayetteville. In April 1910 she was married to Mr. Benfield and of this union she leaves surviving four children: Fenton, aged 8 years; Elvin, aged 4 years and Christine, aged 2 years. The fourth child is a little babe which was born the morning she died. Mrs. Benfield was a member of the Baptist church and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Allen, the interment being made at Mt. Holly Monday at noon. The husband has the sympathy of many friends in his hour of bereavement.

HAS NOVEL SCHEME TO COMBAT WEEVIL.

Philadelphia Man Writes Governor About Machine He is Perfecting to Catch Insects.

The State. Acting on the theory that bugs of every species are attracted by bright lights, S. J. Sellers of Philadelphia has evolved a scheme for capturing boll weevil by the million and has written Governor Cooper in detail concerning his invention.

Mr. Sellers' plan is simple in the extreme. The diagram of his weevil exterminator, as submitted to the governor, looks somewhat like a diagram of a cotton conveyor as generally used in gins over the state. There is one large rubber pipe and branching out from this main pipe, several smaller tubes, all hollow. At the end of each of these smaller tubes Mr. Sellers would place a brilliant light. At the end of the main tube he plans to install a gasoline engine which will produce a strong suction through out the entire system of pipes. The machine works somewhat on the order of a vacuum cleaner.

Boll weevils, sauntering over the field by night and congratulating themselves on the work they have done during the day, would be attracted by the bright lights, would draw near to inspect them and would at once be caught in the strong suction and drawn into the main pipe and dropped in a bag where they would remain, gnashing their teeth, until destroyed in the morning. In this way a field could be swept clear of weevils in a short time. James C. Derieux, private secretary to Governor Cooper, has suggested that the main pipe be extended to the chicken house, where the bugs could be deposited in a trough ready for the children's breakfast.

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